

Bureau of Land Management Medford District

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Medford's Messenger





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Dear Public Land User:

The primary purpose of *Medford's* Messenger is to keep you informed of ongoing and proposed activities on the Medford District. It contains listings of projects, by resource area, that have been completed recently and identifies newly proposed projects. It is our desire to keep you informed about issues, activities, and opportunities we think are important to our publics. More importantly, we are seeking ideas and comments from those who may be affected by out multiple-use management programs.

This planning update has been organized to give you a brief description of activities occurring in several programs, as well as description of new projects being considered by the district. Additional information can be obtained from the people listed in the descriptions.

Medford District Timber Sale Program

On September 26,2002, the Medford District offered five timber sales and successfully sold four totaling approximately 25 million board feet. These sales were the final offerings of FY 2002.

In the past, the Messenger has had an estimated timber sale plan for the upcoming fiscal year. Because of the uncertainty of funding and because no final decision has been made as to whether or not salvage of this past summer's wildfires will be done during this fiscal year, we do not have a list of proposed sales for FY2003 at this time. As we progress into FY 2003, however, and future plans become clearer, we will publish the table of expected upcoming sales in the Messenger.

Medford District WEB Site

Just a reminder to readers of what is available on the Medford District WEB site. Under the planning page you can find : Annual Program summaries, the current Medford's Messenger, Environmental Assessments, selected Watershed Analyses, and the Northwest Forest Plan.

The contact people are familiar with their projects and are able to answer questions and provide more details on the projects. They are interested in information you wish to share concerning any of the projects or project areas.

In order to keep printing costs down, if you no longer want to receive the Messenger please contact us and we will remove your name from the mailing list. For your convenience the Messenger is available on the Internet at www.or.blm.gov/Medford/

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Unless you specifically request us to withhold your name and address, it will be made available to the public on request.

We would appreciate any comments or suggestions you may have regarding this Planning Update or how it could be improved to make it more useful to you.

Thank you for your interest in BLM's management of your Public Lands. If you have any questions on information in this Planning Update, stop by the office or call us at 54 1-618-2200.

Ron Wenker District Manager

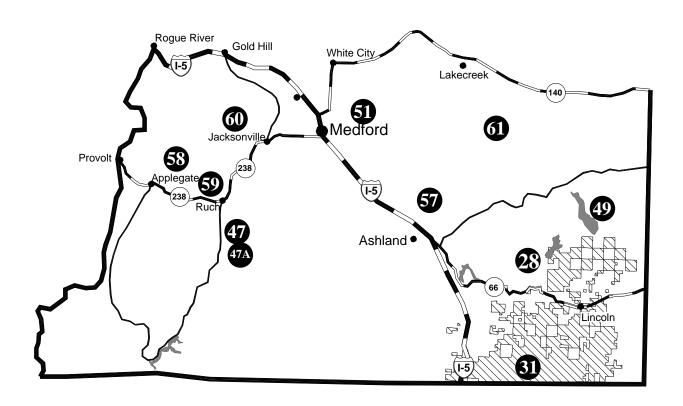
ASHLAND RESOURCE AREA SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS MEDFORD DISTRICT • 3040 BIDDLE ROAD • MEDFORD, OREGON 97504

NEW PROJECTS BEING CONSIDERED

			PR	OPOSED		
TITLE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	SCOPING	ANALYSIS	PUBLIC REVIEW	DECISION DATE	CONTACT
28. LITTLE HYATT LAKE DAM: repair or replace Little Hyatt Dam.	T39S, R3E, Sec. 20	Completed	Completed	Fall 2002	Not Scheduled	Don Ferguson
31. CASCADE-SISKIYOU NATIONAL MONUMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN/EIS	East of Ashland (southern Ore.)	Completed	Completed	Fall 2002	Not scheduled	Howard Hunter
31. CASCADE-SISKIYOU NATIONAL MONUMENT STUDY OF LIVESTOCK IMPACTS	East of Ashland (southern Ore.)	Completed	On-going	Not scheduled	Not a Decision Document	Howard Hunter
47. BOBAR PROJECT. A landscape level forest health and fuel reduction project.	Little Applegate and Beaver Ck.	On-going	Fall 2002	Fall/Winter 2002	Winter 2002	Steve Armitage
47A. BOAZ PROJECT. A small diameter Title II Project.	Little Applegate and Beaver Ck.	On-going	Completed	Summer 2002	Summer 2002	Blair Moody
49. HOW PERFECT. A forest health treatment which involves many contracts.	Howard Prairie	On-going	Summer 2002	Fall 2002	Winter 2003	Blair Moody
51. BUTTERCUP PROJECT Special status plant Species. Project designed to restore habitat for fire dependent communities.						
	East of Medford	On-going	Fall 2002	Winter 2002	Spring 2003	Brad Tong

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57. EAST ANTELOPE FIRE ESR PLAN. Emergency Stabilization and Restoration of the East	North of Ashland	NA	NA	NA	Fall 2002	Bob Pasley
58. PILE BURNING & SLASHBUSTER 4 EA. Reduce fire hazard by thinning vegetation using mechanical and manual techniques.	Applegate and around the City of Jacksonville	On-going	Fall 2002	Winter 2003	Winter 2003	Luis Ramirez/Al Mason
59. CHINA KEELER EA. A forest health treatment which involves many contracts						
	West of Ruch	On-going	Fall 2002	Winter 2003	Sprint 2003	Steve Armitage
60. TIMBER MTN/JOHN'S PEAK OHV PLAN/EIS (Draft). An activity level plan managing OHV.	West of Jacksonville	Fall 2002	Winter 2003	Summer 2003	2004	Kristi Mastrofini
61. GRAZING LEASE RENEWALS EA.	Little Butte Ck. Watershed	Fall 2002	Spring 2003	Summer 2003	Fall 2003	Kristi Mastrofini

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Ashland Resource Area Projects

28 Little Hyatt Lake Dam

Cascade Siskiyou National Monument Management Plan/EIS

47 Bobar Project
47A Boaz Project

49 How Perfect

51 Buttercup Project

East Antelope ESR Plan

Pile Burning & Slashbuster 4 EA

59 China Keeler EA

Timber Mtn/John's Peak OHV Plan/EIS

61 Grazing Lease Renewals EA

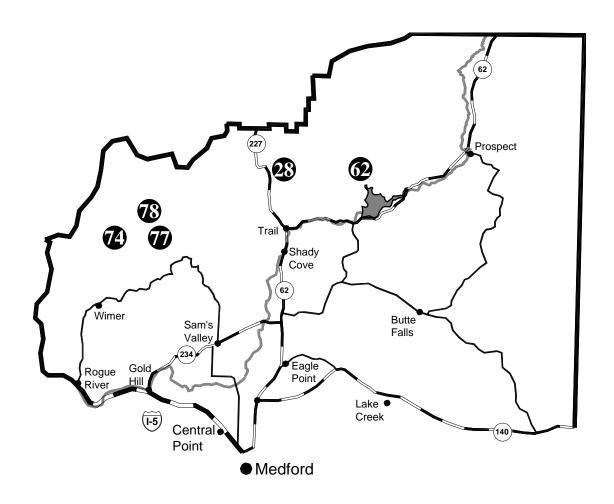
BUTTE FALLS RESOURCE AREA SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS MEDFORD DISTRICT • 3040 BIDDLE ROAD • MEDFORD, OREGON 97504

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28. TRAIL CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: Hazardous Fuels Projects and Decommissioning of Forest Service RD 3206 Decisions	T32S, R1W, 2W T33S, R1W, 2W T34S, R1W, 2W	July 2001	September 2001	May 2002	September 2002	Jean Williams
74. EVANS CREEK BOX CULVERT REPLACEMENT: Replace culvert for fish passage	T33S, R3W, Sec 7			June 2002	July 2002	Shawn Simpson
77. EVANS WATERSHED CULVERT REPLACEMENT EA: Replace undersized culverts that are degraded and/or a fish blockage.	T33S, R2,3,4W T34S, R2,3,4W T35S, R2,3,4W	May 2002	May 2002	June 2002	July 2002	Shawn Simpson
78. LARGE WOOD PLACEMENT IN EVANS CREEK EA.	T33S, R3W	May 2002	June 2002	June 2002	July 2002	Jayne LeFors

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28. TRAIL CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL	T32S, R1W, 2W					
ASSESSMENT: Timber sale and other projects in Trail	T33S, R1W, 2W				November	
Creek	T34S, R1W, 2W	July 2001	September 2001	May 2002	2002	Jean Williams
						Jim Welden
60. FERTILIZATION EA	DISTRICT WIDE	April 1999	June 1999	July 1999	On Hold	Jiii Welden
	T22C D1E D2E					
62. FLOUNCE AROUND EA: Timber sale and other	T32S, R1E, R2E T33S, R1E, R2E				September	
projects in Lost, Elk and Big Butte Creek.	T34S, R1E, R2E	August 2002	November 2002	July 2003	2003	Jean Williams



Butte Falls Resource Area Projects

- 28 Trail Creek EA
- 60 Fertilization EA, Resource Area Wide
- 62 Flounce Around EA
- 74 Evans Cr Box Culvert Replacement
- Evans Watershed Culvert Replacement EA
- **78** Large Wood Placement, Evans Creek EA

GLENDALE RESOURCE AREA SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS MEDFORD DISTRICT • 3040 BIDDLE ROAD • MEDFORD, OREGON 97504

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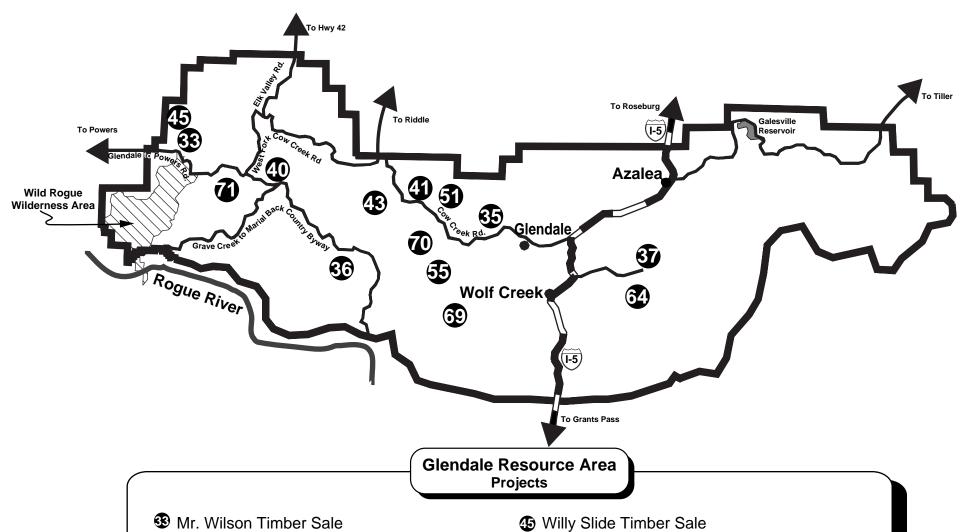
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37. WOLF TREE PROJECT. Activities Include fuels reduction, stand density management and timber harvesting treatments in the Wolf Creek and Coyote Creek watersheds east of the community of Wolf Creek. Proposes two timber sales: King Wolf and Coyote Pete.	T33S, R5W, secs. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30	Completed	Completed	Completed	July 2002	Martin Lew
33. MR. WILSON TIMBER SALE. Commercial Timber Sale in a Tier 1 Key Watershed. Activities are also designed to improve roads and reduce sediment into streams in the Umpqua Basin.	T32S, R9W, secs. 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 18.	Completed	Completed	Completed	Oct. 2001	Martin Lew
43. BEAR PEN ANALYSIS AREA. Activities include timber harvesting, non-commercial density management treatments, drainage improvement and decommissioning of existing roads, fuels treatments and related resource activities in the 6 th field Bear Watershed	T31S, R 8W, secs. 29, 32, 33; T32S, R8W, secs. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 19, 21, 31; T32S, R9W, secs 13, 24	Completed	Completed	Completed	Sept. 2002	Martin Lew
51. DADS CREEK RIPARIAN RESTORATION PROJECT. Jobs-in-the-Woods. Project to restore and improve riparian conditions. Includes road work and vegetation treatments.	T32S, R7W, sec.	Completed	Completed	Completed	On Hold	Sherwood Tubman

55. HAND PILE BURNING FOR HAZARD FUELS REDUCTION. Reduction of created slash from precommercial thinning and brushing activities.	Scattered throughout Glendale Resource Area.	Completed	Completed	Completed	Sept. 2002	Martin Lew
64. BURMA POND PROJECT. This project will include renovation work on the dam and also recreational use improvements in the area.	T33 S, R 5W, sec. 15	Completed	Completed	Comnpleted	July 2002	Katie Wetzel

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35. COTTON SNAKE TIMBER SALE. Timber sale and other projects in Cow Creek Drainage.	T32S, R 6W, secs. 5, 19; T32S, R7W, secs. 13, 25; T33S, R6W, sec. 6;T33S, R7W, sec. 1	Completed	Nov. 2002	Dec. 2002	May 2003	Martin Lew	
36. KELSEY/WHISKY CREEK PROJECT AREA. A comprehensive EIS is planned to look at management actions in a large drainage to the Rogue River. Potential Actions include fuel treatments and wildfire planning, timber sales, wildlife habitat projects, road construction and other associated activities.	T33S, R8W	Completed	Completed	Completed		Sherwood Tubman	
40. BOBBY CREEK RNA MANAGEMENT PLAN. A long-term management plan of a large block of old growth forest designated as a Research Natural Area.	T32S, R9W, secs. 2,	Completed	Jan. 2003	March 2003		Rachel Showalter	
41. PAPA COW TIMBER SALE. Timber sale in	T32S, R7W, secs. 15,	Completed	Completed	Completed	Dec. 2002	Sherwood	

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Dad's Creek and Cow Creek drainages.	17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 35					Tubman		
45. WILLY SLIDE TIMBER SALE. A timber sale in the Wilson and Slide Creek drainages, near the Wild Rogue wilderness area.	T32S, R10W, secs. 1,	February	March 2003	April 2003	Sept. 2003	Martin Lew		
69. MARY GRAY DIRECT LAND SALE. Proposal to sell 2.5 acre BLM managed parcel to adjust landline.	T34S, R7W, sec. 3	Ongoing	March 2003	April 2003	May 2003	Sondra Nolan		
68. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENTS AND HAULING PERMITS. Processing of individual requests from other public agencies and private parties for access through BLM managed lands.	Glendale Resource Area	2002	2002	2002	2002	Sondra Nolan		
70. GRAVE CREEK FOREST HEALTH. This proposal includes density management and hazardous fuels treatments in the Grave Creek Watershed.	Grave Creek Watershed	2003	2003	2003	2003	Sherwood Tubman		
71. COW CREEK FOREST HEALTH. This proposal includes density management and hazardous fuels treatments in the Cow Creek Watershed.	Cow Creek Watershed	2003	2003	2003	2003	Martin Lew		



- **3** Cotton Snake Timber Sale
- **36** Kelsey Whiskey EIS
- Wolf Tree Project Area
- Bobby Creek RNA Management Plan
- 4 Papa Cow Timber Sale (On Hold)
- Bear Pen Analysis Area

- 5 Dad's Creek Riparian Restoration Project
- 5 Hand Pile Burning for Hazard Fuels Reduction
- Burma Pond
- Mary Gray Direct Land Sale
- To Grave Creek Forest Health
- 7 Cow Creek Forest Health

GRANTS PASS RESOURCE AREA SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS MEDFORD DISTRICT \$ 3040 BIDDLE ROAD \$ MEDFORD, OREGON 97504

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59. SCATTERED APPLES FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T37S, R5W, Sec 33,34 T38S,R5W,Sec 3,10,11,13,15,22,24,25, 33,35 T39S, R5W, Sec 1,6, 12,13,14,23,25 T38S,R4W, Sec 19	Completed	Completed	Completed	Aug 2002	Dale Rau
80. PICKETT SNAKE FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T35S,R7W Sec 9,10,15,21,26,27,2829, 30,31,35 T36S,R7W Sec 3,10,27	Completed	Completed	Completed	June 2002	Jeanne Klein
109. SWAMP CREEK ROAD RECONSTRUCTION / MUNGERS CREEK ROAD CHIP SEALING AND DRAINAGE UPGRADE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T39S,R6W, Sec 1	Completed	Completed	Completed	Aug 2002	Jim Roper
113. GRAVE CREEK LANDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T33S,R8W, Sec 1	Completed	Completed	Completed	July 2002	John Bethea
118. LEOPOLD MINE REHABILITATION PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T35S,R8W,Sec 3		Drop	pped		Matt Craddock
121. RAND ADMINISTRATIVE SITE MAINTENANCE PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T34S,R8W, Sec 24	Completed	Completed	Completed	July 2002	Chris Dent

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128. YOUNG STAND MAINTENANCE BRUSHING AND PRE-COMMERCIAL THINNING WITH FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	GPRA	Completed	Completed	Completed	July 2002	Steve Schober
129. PEAVINE LOOKOUT SAFETY CLEARING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T35S,R7W,Sec 21		Drop	ped		Janet Kelly

NEW PROJECTS BEING CONSIDERED OR PROJECTS IN PLANNING

			PROPOSED DATES			
TITLE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	SCOPING	ANALYSIS	PUBLIC REVIEW	DECISION DATE	CONTACT
10. HELLGATE RECREATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ROGUE RIVER: The management plan for the recreation section of the Rogue Wild and Scenic River is being updated through an EIS.	Recreation section of the Rogue River from the Applegate River to Grave Creek.	Completed	Completed	Draft EIS: Completed Final EIS: Fall 2002	Winter 2003	
81. GRANITE HORSE FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T35S,R5W, Sec 3,5,7,8, 9,10,15,17,20,21,29,31, 32,33 T34S,R5W, Sec 19,20, 29,30,31 T34S,R6W, Sec 22,23, 24,25,26,35,36	Completed	Completed	Completed	Fall 2002	John Schneider
83. UPPER ILLINOIS RIVER LANDSCAPE	T40S,R8W, Sec 23,			Draft EIS		

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TITLE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	SCOPING	ANALYSIS	PUBLIC REVIEW	DECISION DATE	CONTACT
MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (Joint EIS with US Forest Service)	24,26,27,28,33,34,35 T41S,R8W, Sec 3,10	Completed	Ongoing	Fall 2003	Winter 2004	Doug Parker
91. BIRDSEYE JONES FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T36S,R4W, Sec 1,2,3,4,9, 10,28,29,31,32 T37S,R4W, Sec 5,6,7	Completed	Ongoing	Winter 2003	Undetermined	Tom Dierkes
92. ALTHOUSE FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T39S,R7W, Sec 26,27,34, 35 T40S,R7W, Sec 3,4,5, 8,9, 10,11,14,15,17,18 T40S,R8W, Sec 13,23	Completed	Ongoing	Winter 2004	Undetermined	Leslie Welch
94. ROBERTSON ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T37S,R7W, Sec 23	Completed	Completed	Completed	Fall 2002	Matt Craddock
95. KAMPS ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T40S,R8W, Sec 18	Completed	Completed	Winter 2003	Winter 2003	Matt Craddock
104. ANDERSON WEST FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T37S,R8W, Sec 25,34, 35 T38S,R8W, Sec 3,4,23	Completed	Ongoing	Winter 2003	Winter 2003	Dave Maurer
105. HOLLAND LOOP FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T39S,R7W, Sec 9,10,11, 15,21,23,35 T40S,R7W, Sec 1,11,12, 13	Completed	Ongoing	Winter 2003	Undetermined	Jim Roper
107. WILDLIFE IMAGES R&PP LEASE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T35S,R7W, Sec 25,36	On Hold				Matt Craddock
111. WEST FORK ILLINOIS FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T40S,R8W, Sec 9,10,13, 15,20,21,22,28,32,33 T41S,R9W, Sec 2,3,9,10, 12,13,14,15	Completed	Ongoing	Winter 2004	Spring 2004	Frank Hoeper

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116. RAMOS RIGHT-OF-WAY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T35S,R7W, Sec 26	Completed	Winter 2003	Winter 2003	Winter 2003	Matt Craddock
117. PACIFICA WATER DEVELOPMENT RIGHT-OF-WAY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T38S,R5W, Sec 1	Spring 2003	Spring 2003	Spring 2003	Spring 2003	Matt Craddock
122. PICKETT CREEK ROAD RENOVATION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T38S,R7W, Sec 27	On Hold				Jim Roper
123. GRAYBACK TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (Phase 3) ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T39S,R5W, Sec 21,29,32	Completed	Ongoing	Winter 2003	Winter 2003	Jeanne Klein
126. ROGUE WILD & SCENIC RIVER (HELLGATE RECREATION SECTION) TOILET INSTALLATION AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	Rogue Wild & Scenic River (Hellgate Recreation Section)	Completed	Ongoing	Winter 2003	Winter 2003	Chris Dent
127. FRENCH FLAT ACEC MANAGEMENT PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T40S, R8W, Sec 10,15	Completed	Ongoing	Spring 2003	Spring 2003	Linda Mazzu
130. North Fork Silver Creek Landscape Management Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	N Fork Silver Creek Area of the Biscuit Fire	Fall 2002	Winter 2003	Spring 2003	Summer 2003	Doug Henry
131. Urban Interface Fuels Reduction Project Marble Drive Area	T36S, R6W, Sec 9	Fall 2002	Winter 2003	Winter 2003	Winter 2003	Tim Gonzales

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Grants Pass Resource Area Projects

- Hellgate Recreation Area of the Rogue River Mgmt Plan
- 59 Scattered Apples Forest Mgmt Proj EA
- 80 Pickett Snake Forest Mgmt Project
- 81 Granite Horse Forest Mgmt Project
- 83 Upper Illinois River Landscape Mgmt Projects EA
- 91 Birdseye Jones Forest Mgmt Project EA
- 92 Althouse Forest Mgmt Project EA
- Robertson Road Right-of-Way EA
- 95 Kamp Road Right-of-Way EA
- 104 Anderson West Forest Mgmt Project EA
- Holland Loop Forest Mgmt Project EA
- 107 Wildlife Images R&PP Lease EA
- 109 Swamp Cr & Mungers Cr Road Projects EA
- West Fork Illinois Forest Management Project EA
- Grave Creek Landing Improvement Project EA
- 116 Ramos Right-of-Way EA
- Pacifica Water ROW EA
- Rand Maintenance EA
- Pickett Creek Road Renovation EA
- 123 Grayback Trail EA
- Hellgate Recreation SectionToilet Installation EA
- 127 French Flat ACEC Management Plan EA
- Young Stand Maintenance Brushing & Pre-commercial Thinning with Fuel Hazard Reduction EA (Resource Area Wide)
- 130 North Fork Silver Cr LMP EIS
- Urban Interface Fuels Reduction Project EIS Marble Drive